

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1A and Figure 1B is an alignment of the amino acid sequences of novel human Notch ligand, 3md3, of the present invention (SEQ ID NO:1), the mouse ortholog Delta-3 (3721842_md3); a human Delta polypeptide (w80813_hd3), and human sequence hdelta1p.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2 is a protein phylogenic analysis based on the sequences of Figure 1A and Figure 1B, and shows that 3md3 is more closely related to murine Delta 3 than is the human sequence W80813_hd3 or human sequence hdelta1p.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D is an alignment of the nucleotide sequences of 3md3 (SEQ ID NO:2), mouse dll3, hdelta, and W80813.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 5A provides the polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:1) and Figure 5B provides the amino acid (SEQ ID NO:2) sequences of 3md3.